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FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed list in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1). Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The listed documents are English-language translations of Japanese patent documents that were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated May 22, 2006. An English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed. Copies of the Japanese patent documents were previously submitted in the Fourth Information Disclosure Statement filed in the subject application on June 16, 2006; and now complete English translations of those documents are being submitted.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that written acknowledgment of such consideration be provided to Applicants.

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1. English-language translation of Japanese Patent
Laid-Open No. 8-129476
2. English-language translation of Japanese Patent
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